

**Ward 8 CAN**  
**General Membership Meeting Notes**  
**June 18, 2014**  
**Twin Forks Playground**



**1. Call to order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

**2. Introductions**

Rachelle Niemela, Chair of the CAN, introduced the other Executive members in attendance:

- Rachelle Niemela, Chair
- Nancy Deni, Communications
- Jessica Guenard-Valiquette, Recording Secretary
- Gates Legault, Treasurer
- Mike Morelli – Twin Forks Neighbourhood Association Liaison

She indicated that our current City of Greater Sudbury Liaison, Cindi Briscoe will be leaving the CAN for another position at the City. She introduced Mark Vainio, our new Liaison.

**3. Discussion regarding projects, activities or events for next year**

The CAN welcomed Lise Hawes from the Best Start Hub. We hope to collaborate with the Hub on projects, including our community garden project.

Mike Morelli indicated that the new Twin Forks Neighbourhood Association has a number of new members who are now involved with the Twin Forks Playground. Mike Morelli is the President, and sits on our Executive as the liaison for the Association.

The CAN is collaborating with the Association, which is charged with running the playground; the CAN is providing resources and assistance with getting projects up and running. Since this is the last meeting before adjourning for the summer, we are looking for additional volunteers to help us with the projects that we are collaborating on, namely rejuvenation of Twin Forks Playground and community gardens at Twin Forks.

We hope to see additional attendance at our meetings in the fall, and want residents to tell us what type of projects they would like to see in our ward.

One of the projects that was discussed is a bike rodeo that the Sudbury Cyclists Union did in partnership with the Coniston CAN in early June. These rodeos teach bike safety to kids, and promote helmets and rules of the road. There is interest in doing this in Ward 8 next spring.

There is also interest in continuing our community cleanup day which has been done for the past 3 years - rain or snow!

#### **4. Twin Forks Playground Rejuvenation Project Update**

We are pursuing a sign for our parks, ie Twin Forks and Westmount. Mark Vainio will follow up on the status of the order for our Twin Forks roadside sign.

June 23rd is the date for the meeting at which the nominees for Ward 8 interim Councillor will present a 5 minute presentation to Council. After this, Council will appoint an interim Councillor. Cindi Brisco will meet with Mark Vainio to review the history of CAN projects, in particular Twin Forks, so Fabio Belli's plans for our Ward are seen through to the end.

The new playground equipment for Twin Forks has been ordered, and will be installed this summer. The plan of layout still has to be made. Many projects (and their funds) were placed on hold after Fabio Belli passed away, and it is currently unknown when any remaining HCI funds will be available. If HCI funds are not available to ensure the installation of the playground equipment, the Parks Department will ensure that all costs are covered.

Construction is currently happening at the Twin Forks building, including cleaning, painting, and the removal of curtains. The bathrooms are completely renovated.

Plans that are on hold include bike racks, indoor seating, exterior lights, the road sign, kitchen upgrades, and additional playground enhancements.

The goal of this project is to make the playground building more attractive so the Neighbourhood Association can rent the building out, and run projects at the location. It is also important to ensure there is more activity at the park so there is less vandalism.

An inspection has been done re safety issues at the park and exterior lighting will be enhanced.

#### **5. Community Gardens Project Update**

Nancy Deni reported on a community gardens network meeting she attended at Delki Dozzi. Ward 8 is just in the planning stages for our garden, and we need a strong team to get things going. We need people with gardening, landscaping, and construction experience.

We would like to get children involved, through the Best Start Hub and possibly the schools, to plant seeds, etc.

Rainbow Concrete is donating 2 cement culverts. We also purchased 3 rain barrels, and now have access to the storage shed at Twin Forks for storing tools and other equipment.

Delki Dozzi does square foot gardening and Nancy is researching that in order to maximize space.

There are opportunities to link with Eat Local for input and to participate in Seedy Sunday next year.

Cindi Briscoe indicated that Xs are supposed to be marked on the ground tomorrow for the culverts (Thursday, June 19), and locates should be completed.

Jessica Valiquette noted that she has some herbs and other vegetables from her own garden that she can donate if the gardens are installed in time for the summer growing season.

Michael Cullen offered to help through the United Way.

#### **6. Greater Sudbury Police Service Update/Citizen Concerns**

The Greater Sudbury Police Service was unable to attend.

#### **7. Next Meeting**

The next General Membership meeting is 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., on Wednesday, September 17th, at Twin Forks Playground.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.